NOMINATION FOR AWARD					
AWARD		CATEGORY (If Applicable)		AWARD PERIOD	
Outstanding Public Affairs Company Grade Officer		Individual		1 Jan - 31 Dec 2001	
RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last) 1st Lt. Tisha L. Wright		SSN (Enter Last 4 Only)	MAJCOM, FOA, OR DRU		
		7523 AFMC		FMC	
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RANK/NAME OF UNIT COMMANDER (First, Middle Initial, Last)/COMMANDER'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial)					
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SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)

Overall Effectiveness and Job Accomplishment

- 1st Lt. Tisha Wright performed well above her grade daily, helping to accomplish the AF mission
- Key to success of AEDC's 50th Anniversary celebration, involved in nearly all aspects of event
- -- Aggressively worked with local, regional and national media to publicize the numerous 50th events -- Outcome: garnered over \$200K in free publicity; no accident 100K people attended the air show!
- Planned and organized four Air Force Reserve Band performances in the Middle Tennessee region -- Served as yet another step in building stronger community ties to Arnold AFB and the Air Force
- Established rapport with a producer of a regional television program and worked with him to produce a segment on Arnold AFB in a show featuring unique places in Tennessee and in its bordering states
- -- Result: the Air Force message delivered to thousands of devoted viewers of the popular program!
- Always seeking to communicate both the Air Force and center mission at every available opportunity
 Follow-up calls to reporters mentioned in the SAF Activity Memo resulted in media interviews with Fortune Magazine, Aviation Week and others; AF coverage increased leveraging the activity memo
- Worked with *Tech TV*, a German television program, and others covering the first launch of scramjet projectile; the world now knows of the AF's role in this breakthrough in hypersonic development

Leadership/Organizational Planning

- Coordinated and hosted the first-ever visit by C-SPAN to Arnold Engineering Development Center -- 10-minute segment will air multiple times showcasing the AEDC mission through the country
- Oversaw scheduling and execution of all media flights at the airport in the days before the air show -- Overcame bad weather, changing reporter/performer mixes guaranteeing a final promotional blitz!
- Lead planner for incoming civic leader tour from Air University; coordinated with the Army National Guard aviation unit and downtown organizations involved in the visit; flawless performance as always
- Managed the center's commander's call program, providing open communication from commander to the AEDC military and civilian work force; outstanding performance for each and every CC call
- Helped to build the fledgling Arnold Community Council into a viable organization to support AEDC -- The group now has more than 90 members supporting the base (and its people) on several fronts!

Judgement and Decisions

- Recognized opportunity to increase AEDC and AF awareness among travelers at Nashville Airport
 Convinced airport management to run free messages on their electronic marquees promoting AEDC
- Conceived idea for the Nashville FOX affiliate to do segment on AEDC with viewers guessing the reporter's broadcasting location that evening; great success with base tour request increase after show
- Saw the need to ensure the original attendees of AEDC's dedication in 1951 received proper care at the center's rededication; oversaw the effort to contact attendees and ensure that they were recognized
- Determined need for Arnold AFB to work more closely with educators from around the region and planned and hosted the first-ever Educational Evening at Arnold for teachers and college professors
- -- Excellent results with several scheduling tours and speakers from Arnold AFB in following weeks

Communications Skills

- Served as the center's key spokesperson in the months leading up to the 50th Anniversary celebration -- Outstanding interviews on Nashville television stations delivering both AF and AEDC messages
- -- Asked for by name by several cable television programs in Middle Tennessee broadcast area; didn't disappoint us on a single interview always delivering positive media coverage for AEDC and AF!
- Outstanding public speaker; Tisha gave several speeches to local civic organizations performing like a seasoned senior officer; best possible feedback with groups telling others to request her to speak
- Utilizing her skills to speak a second language, she coordinated and participated in an interview with the state's largest Spanish-speaking radio station; AF message delivered to thousands for the first time
- Bottom line: Tisha's stellar performance in 2001 far exceeded the usual high standards that we have grown to expect from this hard-charger on a daily basis at AEDC; without a doubt, the best PA CGO!

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